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Application No.: 09/675,197)	
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Title DISSECTION OF EDGES WITH PROJECTION)	
POINTS IN A FABRICATION LAYOUT FOR)	
CORRECTING PROXIMITY EFFECTS)	

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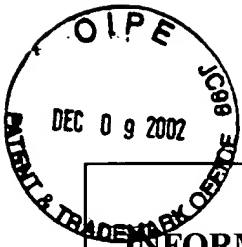
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